

Herbert; Ruth Bucher, Barbara Payne's sister, and her husband, Lieutenant Bucher; Nils Haugaard, Erik's brother, a student at the University of Philadelphia; Mr J B Jamieson of Newton Centre, Massachusetts; and Homer Bobilin, who spent his vacation at Lake Eden after having completed a course at a Code School in New York City.

## Derek Bovingdon

Lieutenant Derek Bovingdon, for three years, before his entrance into the Army Air Forces, a student at Black Mountain College, was killed in a bomber crash in Washington State on May 29. Very little is known about the accident, but it is supposed that unfavorable weather conditions were the cause of it. Derek had received his commission on January 4 with a class in which he was one of the nine top ranking men. He was sent immediately with his high ranking eight classmates to Hobbs, New Mexico; there he learned to fly the B-17F, the Flying Fortress. He was not required to go through the usual preliminary step of being a co-pilot, but was entrusted at once with the duties of a pilot. From Hobbs he was sent to Ephrata, Washington. On the day that Derek received his commission he and Barbara Sieck, formerly a student at Black Mountain College, were married.

Memorial Services were held for Derek in the Quiet House at Lake Eden on Sunday, April 11. After the A Capella group had sung a Bach Chorale, "Es Ist Genug", Rector Robert Wunsch read an excerpt from a letter from Charles Lindsley, describing Derek as a student at Blue Ridge and at Lake Eden; then Theodore Dreier spoke briefly about

Derek. He said of him, in part: "He is one of those people inseparably associated in our minds with the building of this place, Lake Eden. But his association was with the people about him no matter what was being done, and his generous enthusiasm and zest for action won him friends easily. He was perhaps the closest link we have ever had with the village of Black Mountain, where he was trusted, admired and liked . . . He came here as a boy and went away a man prepared to do his share in the struggle for victory that we are now engaged in . . . At this moment Derek's passing has more than usual portent for us because he is the first to give his life among the many who have gone and are going, prepared to do likewise if necessary. In time of war we cannot escape till so late in life the challenge of death that comes. We are apt to feel pretty inadequate to find and help create anything sufficiently significant to balance the sorrow and help it to make sense. Yet that is what it's up to us to do and I believe actually that death can make us understand more vividly what our opportunities are while we are still here and give us strength to dedicate ourselves and persist in seeing to it that our friends and those whom we love shall not have given their lives for nothing."

## Former students

After six months at Guadalcanal as a private, first class, in the Marines, Emery Whipple recently spent a short leave at his home in Concord, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the Marines two weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Bertrand Richard has been reported